

# Academic Bulletin for Israel: 2016-17

## Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) "catalog" and provides academic information about the program in Israel.

IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the two listed below.

- [Academic Planning, Crediting and Reporting](#). This publication contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.
- [Academic Policies](#). This publication contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option and Course Withdrawals.

To access the above publications, go to our website [here](#) and click on the year that pertains to your year abroad. For general information about the Israel Program, refer to the IP website under "Programs".

## Academic Program Information

The CSU International Programs in Israel is affiliated with the University of Haifa in the city of Haifa.

The Israel Program is a two-semester program. During the year, students are required to:

- Take one language course in either Arabic or Hebrew each semester,
- Take courses offered by the University of Haifa International School (UHIS), and
- Enroll in a minimum equivalent of 15 semester units each semester.

Below is the academic schedule for the year in Israel:

<b>Semester 1: Fall Semester</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Semester 2: Spring Semester</b>	<b>Units</b>
Arabic or Hebrew Language	6	Arabic or Hebrew Language	6
Other courses	<u>9</u>	Other courses	<u>9</u>
Minimum number of units required:	15	Minimum number of units required:	15

Most language courses are worth six units. In cases when less is given, students will be expected to take additional units in order to meet the minimum CSU course load requirement of 15 units. Any exceptions to the above schedule must be approved by the CSU Office of International Programs.

Courses are taught in English by faculty from different academic disciplines including business and economics, communications, English language and literature, history, Israel and Middle East studies, Jewish and religious studies, peace and conflict studies, political science, psychology and sociology.

Students who are proficient in Hebrew may be permitted to take courses in academic departments at the University of Haifa, depending on course prerequisites and availability. See the last section of this Bulletin for additional information.

In the second semester, students have the option of taking an internship course which features directed work-study experiences related to the student's academic or vocational interests. The internship course is coordinated by an International School faculty member and supervised by on-site personnel who have academic or professional credentials. Most internships involve 10-15 hours of work per week at the internship site, and are worth three or four academic credits.

## Course Levels

Except for first and second year language courses which are lower division, most courses offered at the International School are considered upper division courses with some exceptions, depending on course content. First and second year courses offered through the Department of English Language and Literature are lower division while third and fourth year courses are considered upper division.

## Assessment, Grading and Units

Below is the grade conversion table that is used to convert grades earned at the University of Haifa (UH) International School to the CSU.

UHS Numeric Grade	UH Letter Grade	CSU Letter Grade
97-100	A+	A
93-96	A	A
90-92	A-	A-
87-89	B+	B+
83-86	B	B
80-82	B-	B-
77-79	C+	C+
73-76	C	C
70-72	C-	C-
67-69	D+	D+
63-66	D	D
60-62	D-	D-
Below 60	F	F

### Unit Conversion Guidelines

For every credit earned at the University of Haifa, an IP student earns one CSU semester unit. To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

## Course Offerings

To find the course list and information offered by the International School for the academic year, go to <http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/index.php/study-abroad>. Scroll down the page and click the course list. When a new page appears, scroll down that page to view courses and course lists e.g. English Language and Literature. You can also click on the "Course Catalog" link on the left hand side of the screen for either Fall or Spring. Courses for 2016-17 have not yet been uploaded on the date that this publication became available but will be very similar to the current year's course offerings. Please check their website regularly for updated information.

Students who are proficient in Hebrew can enrol in courses in other departments at the University of Haifa, depending on course prerequisites and availability. The International School has an agreement with the University that students who enroll in a course taught in Hebrew can write the required papers and exams in English.

Students with or without prior knowledge of Hebrew may enrol in classes offered by the English Language and Literature Department as well as in the Fine Arts Department (pending art portfolio review by department head). Please be aware, however, that the International School semester may not always coincide with the semester at the general University. Therefore, students who elect to study in courses outside the International School should be prepared to remain on campus long enough to complete their coursework.

Courses are subject to availability and may have prerequisites. Also note that not all of these courses are offered every semester and are subject to change. The number of courses offered for visiting students is dependent upon the number of students enrolled, academic planning must be flexible.

For questions about course offerings or the registration process, email [infoint@univhaifa.ac.il](mailto:infoint@univhaifa.ac.il).